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City Council Meetings Now Available on City Website

The City's website (<u>www.wilmingtonnc.gov</u>) has been enhanced to include live and archived streaming video of City Council and Planning Commission meetings.

Citizens are now able to view council meetings live, or view specific portions of council meetings by clicking on selected agenda items. Citizens can also do keyword searches to view items of interest, or view by selected meeting date. Windows Media Player version 9 or better is required to view the streaming video. In time, documents such as maps associated with related agenda items will also be linked to the videos.

The City's technology partner in this endeavor is Granicus Inc., of San-Francisco. Granicus specializes in working with municipalities to provide streaming video services. Wilmington is the first municipality in North Carolina to utilize Granicus' unique agendabased solution. Dylan Lee, GTV8 Station Manager, said, "The City has committed to communicating with the public via GTV8, which reaches over 60,000 households on TimeWarner cable. Now, City Council meetings, Planning Commission meetings, and all of our other programming will be available, on-demand, on the web. This will be an extremely helpful tool for anyone who is interested in what's happening in City Government."

The streaming videos can be accessed by going to the City's homepage, www.wilmi.ngtonnc.gov, and clicking on "online videos"

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